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Week ending July 25, 2010

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 25, 2010**. Mississippi once again received scattered showers, but there has still not been enough rain to reverse the fortunes of some producers. Irrigation is still being used where it is available, but may soon be unnecessary as the harvest season is rapidly approaching. Soil moisture was rated 14 percent very short, 39 percent short, and 47 percent adequate.

Crop progress for week ending July 25, 2010

| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Corn, silked | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Corn, dough | 97 | 91 | 95 | 95 |
| Corn, dent | 82 | 66 | 76 | 73 |
| Corn, mature | 21 | 9 | 5 | 12 |
| Corn Silage, harvested | 42 | 25 | 39 | 44 |
| Cotton, squaring | 100 | 98 | 100 | 100 |
| Cotton, setting bolls | 92 | 79 | 71 | 80 |
| Hay-Warm Season, harvested | 61 | 55 | 70 | 65 |
| Peanuts, pegging | 95 | 80 | 99 | 94 |
| Rice, headed | 78 | 52 | 26 | 43 |
| Rice, mature | 2 | -- | 0 | 0 |
| Sorghum, heading | 99 | 94 | 96 | 96 |
| Sorghum, coloring | 38 | 26 | 22 | 40 |
| Soybeans, blooming | 97 | 92 | 97 | 98 |
| Soybeans, setting pods | 87 | 77 | 84 | 86 |
| Soybeans, turning color | 6 | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| Watermelons, harvested | 89 | 85 | 94 | 90 |

Crop condition for week ending July 25, 2010

| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Corn | 5 | 14 | 31 | 38 | 12 |
| Cotton | 3 | 8 | 29 | 45 | 15 |
| Hay | 4 | 11 | 39 | 43 | 3 |
| Livestock | 2 | 9 | 23 | 54 | 12 |
| Pasture | 3 | 11 | 37 | 42 | 7 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 0 | 10 | 86 | 4 |
| Rice | 0 | 3 | 17 | 51 | 29 |
| Sorghum | 3 | 5 | 41 | 48 | 3 |
| Soybeans | 4 | 13 | 27 | 38 | 18 |
| Sweet Potatoes | 0 | 15 | 22 | 50 | 13 |
| Watermelons | 0 | 6 | 14 | 75 | 5 |

Comments

“Most areas of the county are in need of a good rain. Scattered showers over the weekend helped somewhat, but more is needed.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Due to the heat and lack of moisture non-irrigated corn is fast maturing. Many fields of irrigated corn have reached "black layer" and irrigation has stopped on those fields. Non-irrigated soybeans are starting to turn yellow from a lack of moisture. Due to the heat, cotton is maturing faster than normal. A few rice fields are close enough to maturity that they will no longer be irrigated. Harvest season will be here very soon, but for the crops that are yet to mature, moisture is still needed.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Non-irrigated crops have essentially done all they are going to do, corn harvest has begun and producers with non-irrigated soybeans are hoping for a rain soon to finish filling what pods are there. Irrigated acres look to have excellent yield potential, and have producers praying for a dry fall to get crops from the field.”

— Strider M. McCrory, Sunflower

“Crops are maturing fast. Some non-irrigated corn is beginning to be harvested.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“High temperatures and high humidity have caused outside activities to slow to a crawl. We got a shower over the weekend, but could use a good soaker rain. Gardens have just about done all they are going to do for this year, so most people are not caring for them anymore.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Bolivar County managed to escape the rain from the hurricane. Irrigated crops continue to look exceptional. Non-irrigated crops, that aren’t past the point of rescue, need a rain if they are going to make a crop at all.”
— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Crops really hurt from hot dry conditions last week.”
— Don Respass, Coahoma

“We need a good rain.”
— Don Respass, Quitman

“We got a decent rain ten days ago, but nothing since. Rain would help the soybeans and cotton the most.”
— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“We have late soybeans, due to excessive moisture in some areas. Cotton is also late because of early rain.”
— Sherry Smith, Lee

“Fall armyworms continued to infest late planted soybeans. Disease pressure in soybeans increased with some fields receiving fungicide applications.”
— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“The county averaged about a half inch rain over the weekend.”
— Juli Hughes, Choctaw

“We had some rain in many areas over the weekend that was welcomed by farmers and landowners. There is more in the forecast and then the temperatures begin to rise again. Hopefully with the heat there will be additional showers to go along with them. We are some eight inches behind on rainfall for the year.”
— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Rain is needed throughout the county; it’s very dry.”
— Thomas Brewer, Jefferson Davis

“Weekend rains brought much needed soil moisture to the county which should improve forage conditions.”
— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

| Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending July 25, 2010 | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|---------------|-------|-----------|------------|
| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | |
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | DFN | Rain Days | Four Weeks |
| Upper Delta | | | | | | | | | |
| Clarksdale | 95 | 73 | 84 | 82 | 2 | 0.00 | -0.86 | 0 | 1.69 |
| Cleveland | 99 | 74 | 86 | 84 | 2 | 0.00 | -0.85 | 0 | 0.86 |
| Lambert 1W | 99 | 74 | 87 | | | 0.00 | -0.76 | 0 | 1.39 |
| Tunica 2N | 95 | 73 | 85 | 82 | 3 | 0.00 | -0.77 | 0 | 1.93 |
| Extreme/Average | 99 | 73 | 85 | 82 | 3 | 0.00 | -0.86 | 0 | 1.47 |
| North-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Batesville 2SW | 96 | 72 | 83 | 81 | 2 | 0.00 | -0.88 | 0 | 2.36 |
| Hickory Flat | 95 | 70 | 82 | 80 | 2 | 0.29 | -0.72 | 1 | 4.68 |
| Holly Springs 4N | 97 | 69 | 83 | 79 | 4 | 0.00 | -1.00 | 0 | 4.51 |
| Independence | 94 | 72 | 83 | 81 | 2 | 0.00 | -0.82 | 0 | 3.80 |
| Oxford | 97 | 72 | 84 | 81 | 3 | 0.00 | -0.89 | 0 | 2.11 |
| Water Valley | 95 | 71 | 83 | 81 | 2 | 0.00 | -0.96 | 0 | 4.25 |
| Extreme/Average | 97 | 69 | 83 | 81 | 2 | 0.05 | -0.87 | 0 | 3.62 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | |
| Booneville | 95 | 71 | 82 | 80 | 2 | 0.00 | -0.91 | 0 | 3.06 |
| Corinth 7SW | 96 | 72 | 84 | 82 | 2 | 0.00 | -0.95 | 0 | 5.17 |
| Iuka | 94 | 69 | 82 | 78 | 4 | 0.06 | -0.99 | 1 | 9.35 |
| Pontotoc Exp | 97 | 72 | 84 | 81 | 3 | 0.50 | -0.47 | 2 | 2.75 |
| Verona | 99 | 74 | 85 | 81 | 4 | 0.00 | -0.77 | 0 | 4.58 |
| Extreme/Average | 99 | 69 | 83 | 81 | 2 | 0.11 | -0.83 | 1 | 4.98 |
| Lower Delta | | | | | | | | | |
| Belzoni | 95 | 73 | 84 | 82 | 2 | 1.73 | 0.56 | 2 | 6.29 |
| Moorhead | 98 | 74 | 86 | 83 | 3 | 0.00 | -1.04 | 0 | 1.93 |
| Rolling Fork | 97 | 74 | 86 | 82 | 4 | 0.00 | -0.87 | 0 | 4.34 |
| Extreme/Average | 98 | 73 | 85 | 83 | 2 | 0.58 | -0.37 | 1 | 4.19 |
| Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Canton 4N | 98 | 69 | 84 | 82 | 2 | 0.12 | -0.72 | 1 | 2.05 |
| Eupora | 99 | 70 | 84 | 80 | 4 | 0.35 | -0.54 | 1 | 1.98 |
| Forest 3S | 96 | 67 | 82 | 81 | 1 | 0.35 | -0.92 | 2 | 3.89 |
| Kosciusko | 94 | 72 | 83 | 81 | 2 | 0.00 | -1.28 | 0 | 7.07 |
| Winona 5E | 98 | 69 | 82 | 78 | 4 | 0.03 | -0.97 | 1 | 2.39 |
| Extreme/Average | 99 | 67 | 83 | 81 | 2 | 0.17 | -0.88 | 1 | 3.85 |
| East-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Aberdeen | 96 | 72 | 84 | 81 | 3 | 0.00 | -0.84 | 0 | 2.47 |
| Columbus | 101 | 71 | 86 | 82 | 4 | 0.24 | -0.70 | 2 | 0.58 |
| Macon | 97 | 71 | 84 | 81 | 3 | 0.07 | -0.96 | 3 | 1.53 |
| State University | 98 | 71 | 86 | 81 | 5 | 0.06 | -0.92 | 1 | 2.91 |
| Extreme/Average | 101 | 71 | 85 | 81 | 4 | 0.09 | -0.92 | 2 | 1.87 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | |
| Crystal Springs | 98 | 70 | 82 | 82 | 0 | 0.54 | -0.37 | 2 | 3.97 |
| Natchez | 96 | 72 | 82 | 82 | 0 | 0.65 | -0.26 | 2 | 3.70 |
| Oakley Exp | 95 | 69 | 81 | 81 | 0 | 1.14 | 0.30 | 3 | 2.98 |
| Port Gibson 1NE | 96 | 71 | 83 | 80 | 3 | 0.50 | -0.40 | 2 | 2.71 |
| Vicksburg | 96 | 74 | 84 | | | 1.69 | 0.00 | 1 | 4.60 |
| Extreme/Average | 98 | 69 | 82 | 81 | 1 | 0.90 | -0.10 | 2 | 3.75 |
| South-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Collins | 97 | 72 | 83 | 81 | 2 | 0.30 | -0.82 | 1 | 0.70 |
| Columbia | 98 | 72 | 84 | 82 | 2 | 0.50 | -0.76 | 2 | 5.60 |
| Monticello | 99 | 71 | 84 | 81 | 3 | 0.00 | -1.05 | 0 | 2.18 |
| Raleigh 6N | 94 | 67 | 81 | | | 2.47 | 0.00 | 2 | 6.17 |
| Extreme/Average | 99 | 67 | 83 | 81 | 2 | 0.82 | -0.37 | 1 | 4.16 |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | |
| Hattiesburg | 94 | 72 | 82 | 82 | | 0.71 | -0.61 | 4 | 5.57 |
| Laurel | 98 | 71 | 84 | 81 | 3 | 0.14 | -1.12 | 3 | 1.04 |
| Waynesboro 2W | 99 | 74 | 86 | 81 | 5 | 2.09 | 0.93 | 2 | 4.73 |
| Extreme/Average | 99 | 71 | 84 | 81 | 3 | 0.98 | -0.27 | 3 | 3.78 |
| State | 101 | 67 | 84 | 81 | 3 | 0.45 | -0.58 | 1 | 3.56 |